

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the spelling, etc., in several places. Allowance of the claims is respectfully corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

### In the Specification:

The original paragraph on page 1, lines 10 to 19, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 1, lines 10 to 19, as amended:

It is known to seal base parts, also known as content carriers, of blister packs, also known as push-through packs, with push-through cover films, for example, made from a metal such as [aluminium] aluminum. The cover film can be an [aluminium] aluminum foil coated with a sealant, such as a sealing lacquer. The [aluminium] aluminum foil is sealed onto the base part with this sealant. To remove the contents, these are pushed against the cover film by deforming the recess, causing the cover film to tear or burst, thereby releasing the content or filling. This means that the cover film must be inelastic and easily tearable. Thus, [aluminium] aluminum foils modified with a sealing layer are especially suitable for this purpose. The packs described contain, for example, medicaments such as pills, tablets, [dragees] dragées, ampoules and the like.

The original paragraph on page 2, lines 28 to 32, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 2, lines 28 to 32, as amended:

The base parts of this blister pack can be embossed, cast, deep- or stretch-drawn or [vacuum-moulded] vacuum-molded base parts made of metal such as [aluminium] aluminum, plastic, plastic/paper composites such as

plastic/paper composites or plastic/metal composites. The plastics may be plastics coated with inorganic layers, in particular with  $\text{SiO}_x$ .

The original paragraph on page 2, line 34, to page 3, line 6, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 2, line 34, to page 3, line 6, as amended:

Suitable plastics for base parts are, for example, thermoplastics containing foils and foil composites on an olefin basis such as polyethylene, polypropylene or copolymers thereof, on an ester basis, such as polyethylene terephthalates, polyamides or halogen-containing plastics such as polyvinyl chloride or polyvinylidene chloride or mixtures thereof. The base parts may also have a barrier layer against gases and [vapours] vapors. Such a barrier layer may be, for example, be a metal foil, such as, an [aluminium] aluminum foil embedded in a plastic composite or a ceramic or metal layer arranged between two plastic layers. Ceramic or metal layers may be, for example, produced by [vaporising] vaporizing metals, oxides or nitrides of [aluminium] aluminum, silicon and other metals and metalloids in a vacuum and depositing the materials on a plastic carrier.

The original paragraph on page 3, lines 8 to 10, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 3, lines 8 to 10, as amended:

The base part may also be manufactured from or using materials containing cellulose, such as paper,[board, card] cardboard, [moulding] molding materials containing paper, or be reinforced with the aid of such materials.

The original paragraph on page 3, lines 18 to 23, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 3, lines 18 to 23, as amended:

Further preferred foil composites for base parts contain or consist of an external foil made of PVC of a thickness of 60-100 mm, a further external foil made of oriented polyamide (oPA) of a thickness of 25-30 mm and an intermediate foil made of [aluminium] aluminum of a thickness of 45-60 mm. In addition foil composites, each with an external foil made of polypropylene and an intermediate foil made of [aluminium] aluminum, may be used.

The original paragraph on page 3, lines 25 to 31, following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 3, lines 25 to 31, as amended:

Suitably, it is very difficult or impossible to press through the cover film by hand. The cover film can be manufactured, for example, from an [aluminium] aluminum foil, in particular an [aluminium] aluminum finished with a sealing coating, or from an [aluminium] aluminum foil composite. The cover film can also contain plastics and/or cellulose-like material, such as cardboard or paper. In particular, any plastic detailed above in the base part description, can be used. In the case of cover films from a plastic-metal composite, the metal coating can be fused or [vapour-deposited] vapor-deposited in the form of a foil.

The original paragraph on page 4, lines 5 to 7, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 4, lines 5 to 7, as amended:

The cover film can consist of, for example, an [aluminium] aluminum foil coated with a hot sealing lacquer between 8-50 mm thick, in particular 20-45 mm, preferably 37-43 mm.

The original paragraph on page 4, lines 9 to 13, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 4, lines 9 to 13, as amended:

Furthermore, the cover film can also contain an [aluminium] aluminum foil coated with hot sealing lacquer and 20-50 mm thick, in particular 20-30 mm, preferably 20-25 mm, onto which an external PET (polyethylene terephthalate) foil, [is laminated] measuring 10-30 mm thick, in particular 12-20 mm, is laminated. In another variant, said cover film can include a further paper layer on the plastic foil.

The original paragraph on page 5, line 38, to page 6, line 4, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 5, line 38, to page 6, line 4, as amended:

In a further design variant, the recesses in a blister pack can be arranged mutually offset whereby the surface elements with opening aids, also mutually offset, are each arranged between at least two recesses. This [optimises] optimizes the existing surface of the base part and saves packaging, as the

surface elements with opening aids occupy less space, for example, than the recesses surrounded by shoulders.